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1. Yugoslav economic penetration is infiltrating almost all circles of the economic and financial life of Trieste.

2. Commercial Activities:

All firms or shops which have a Slovene owner have already been organized and obey directives emanating from Yugoslavia. They draw their supplies from Yugoslavia. Since last May, 122 Slovene firms of all kinds applied for and obtained membership in the local chamber of commerce. While most of these firms have been formed by Yugoslav anti-Tito refugees, some are owned by strong pro-Tito supporters or are a cover for secret activities. Some propagandize among their customers and have almost the function of a Slav-Communist cell. (See Attachment A for the 122 firms.)

3. Food Supplies and Shops:

Up to a short time ago, most of the small food stores were owned by Slovenes and only a few Slovene firms had a greater importance in this field, such as Vadovec Frinc. Lately, with AMG approval, the "Associazione Autonoma della Alimentazione" was formed which is ostensibly a labor union among small food handlers, but in reality has also a political function. The immediate goal is to supply all its members with goods coming from Yugoslavia, thus eliminating from the local market the larger Italian dealers and the small Italian shop owners. Leaders of said "Associazione" are: Boschetti, Piazza Garibaldi; Bertossi, Via Ginnastica; Gnitica, Via Cesare Battisti; Smuc, Via Cesare Battisti; Starchelj, Piazza Garibaldi; Berns, Via Manzoni; Paolo Debellich, Piazza Tommaseo.

4. The above-mentioned association is in close touch with the SITAC, Via Crispi No. 12, which is a similar organization but concerned with large scale buying and selling of alimentary products. In SITAC are included also fishhandlers and butchers (about 40) who are selling meat to the UAIS (Unione anti-Fascista Italo-Slovena) followers at a political price.

5. An Associazione Economica Italiana di Trieste e Territorio has also been formed which is closely connected with the UAIS even though it has an Italian

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name. It is supposed to perform union and welfare activities among local businessmen. The following categories have been asked to join: Businessmen of all kind, grocery woners, small food dealers, bakers, innkeepers, coal dealers, artisans, carpenters, fishdealers, and industrialists.

6. Contractors:

There are 14 new contractor firms which are either owned or controlled by Yugoslavs. These firms have been especially active in the reconstruction of villages of the Trieste area, under the AMG Public Works reconstruction program. Now they are trying to infiltrate the Trieste market but with little success, up to now, since the Italian contractors have better means, equipment and experience.

7. The local Prefecture authorities have been extremely careful in granting permissions to new Slovene firms. This difficulty is now being overcome by the Slovene firms, by using the name of an Italian as fictitious owner, while the Yugoslav elements have the functions of general managers or directors.

8. UIVOD:

The UIVOD (Uvozni Izvozni Zavod) has recently been importing into Trieste goods originating in foreign countries, without paying the required customs. This was done by importing the goods into Zone "B" and then into Zone "A", thus making them appear as goods originating in Zone "B", and therefore customs free. As an example, large quantities of dry fruits were recently sent from Czechoslovakia to Capodistria, and later imported into Zone "A" custom free, as a Zone "B" product. The UIVOD is also financing the buying of real estate by Yugoslavs. On 15 March the UIVOD changed into a corporation. Its president is Mr. Mario Kociancic, of Italian nationality, but of Slovene origin, while the general manager is Mr. Giovanni Pretnat, a Yugoslav national. Another manager is Mr. Feriencic, a leading figure of the local UAIS.

9. PROMTEX:

Another rather suspicious firm recently formed in Trieste (12 February 1947) is the PROMTEX concerned with import and export from and to all countries. Administrator of said firm is Mr. Arduino Schoen, while the administrators are Dr. Ivan Cok, Eng. Ivan Gorchic, and Dr. Vladimir Turina. A great deal of activity has been noticed in the office of said firm, but no business transactions have as yet been concluded.

10. Financing:

The financing of the activities of most of the Slovene firms in Trieste is being handled by the Banca d'America ed Italia (a bank vaguely connected with the Giannini (A.P. Giannini not to be confused with Giannini of Uomo Qualunque) interest). Directors of said bank are Mr. Vincenzo Richieri, from Genoa, and Mr. Francesco Konesny, formerly director of the Zivnostenska Banca, who is suspected of being connected closely with the local Yugoslav interests.

11. Another source of income is the clearing with Yugoslavia, which is being handled by the Banca d'Italia. Somehow funds manage to be utilized for

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local political purposes probably with the complicity of some functionaries of the bank.

12. Real Estate:

The buying of real estate by the Yugoslavs continues even though it has considerably decreased in the last two months. In this field also Italian cover names are being used in order to avoid opposition from the local Italians. It is estimated that Italian real estate property amounting to one billion lire has been bought by Yugoslavs in Trieste. Some Italian elements are helping these transactions, among whom Avv. Moscolin, who handled the selling of the building located in Via Battisti No. 2, where a branch office of the Belgrade National Bank will open shortly. In the same street Yugoslavs are trying to buy the Fenice Theater, the third largest in town, which would be used as a Slovene theater and for propaganda purposes. Among the other Italians who are favoring these transactions, are Dr. Mario Trausin, and the notaries Sandrin, Iviani, and Sandrinelli.

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ATTACHMENT "A"REGISTERED FIRMS

Number	Name	Address
34358	SINDOLIC Vaso	Via Mazzini, 24
34399	"MERCATOR" Paolo Polimac	Via Silvio Pellico 10
34419	RUSSIAN Radislao	Monfalcone Via Roma, 13
34462	RASICA Mario	Via Ghega, 3
34480	ADRIA DESSERT - Antonio Vidic	
34599	KUZNIR Nada	Monfalcone Via Cosulich, 23
34629	TRANSATLANTIK Raetar Dott. Dusan	Via D. Bramante, 10
34630	CEMENTALIA Ing. Nino Petrovic	Piazzale N. Gianni, 8
34634	ZAJEC Boris	Via Bellosguardo, 9
34882	JOST Branko	Via Balbo, 27
34889	KOVAC Ing. Enrico	Corso Garibaldi, 8
34977	FALEGNAMERIA F.lli STEFANI	Via Castagnetto, 1
35061	MIHELIN Francesco	Via Valdirivo, 22
35098	JURISSEVICH Tommaso	
35148	F.lli DUKCEVICH & Co.	Via Corsica, 9
35412	SCHMID Danilo	Strada di Guardiella 52
35447	HREN Dragutin	Piazza C. Alberto, 13
35455	STANKEL Riccardo	Via F. Severo, 78
35527	GERES Giuseppe	Via Palestrina,
35531	BLASINA Milan	Aurisina Cave, 51
35566	KOVACICH Carlo	Via Molino a vapore, 6
35629	SEMLICH Carlo	Bivio Aurisina - Gamiano, 17
35736	PAHOR Francesco	Piazza Ponterosso, 6
35795	LEDICHY Ferdinando	Via S. Spiridione, 12
35807	KOSMINA Giuseppe	Durino - Aurisina, 29
35875	MAHORCIC in CHIRASSI Maria Sesana (non precisata la nazionalita)	Corso Vitt. Em., 31
35695	TERGESTE Soc. Costruz. Edili a.r.l.	Corso Garibaldi, 8
35854	SARE & BAJDE	Via Mazzini, 30
35148	F.lli DUKCEVICH & Co.	Via Corsica, 9 a
34371	POLYTEHNA - Salehar Rajko	Via Geppa, 17
35076	GRUENHUT Marcello	Via Valdirivo, 11
35182	Ing. JAROSLAV SYKORA	Via S. Caterina, 1
35306	ICOREDT - Ing. Franich Krunoslav	Via Pieta, 24
25315	Prof. DIRACCA Antonio	Corso, 7
35370	Dott. Ing. VELIMIR SVJEZIC	Vicolo Scaglioni, 5
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36847	SOC. INTERNAZIONALE COSTRUZIONI COMMERCIO TRASPORTI E ATTIVITA' INDUSTRIALI	Via Ginnastica, 1

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 PELLICCERIE BRANDOLIN Succ.Havenic Senis Tahic  
 BUREAU Filatelico-Suberti Anna  
 BAN Pietro  
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 COSMOS -Soc.a.r.l.  
 CIZMIC STEFANO-Pastificio  
 COMPAGNIA INTERNAZIONALE IMPORT.EXPORT  
 P.DIGOVIC-Adriatic American Company  
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 ENGELMAN Albino  
 GRBIN Giovanni  
 GRCIC Antonio  
 GROM Casa di Spedizioni  
 GRUN Maria-Guardiella Scoglietto  
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 HUHM BRANKA  
 MORVAT & C  
 IBRAHIMOVIC SALIH  
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 JOGAN Luigi  
 ISTRIA-Importazione Esportazione di  
 Zora Glad Giuseppina  
 KOMPARE LUDMILLA  
 ARCH.LODOVICO KARLOWKY  
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 KOSMERIJ Giacomo  
 KRALJ ZVONIMIR-Laboratorio Rex  
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 KREMER Herman  
 KRMPOTICH Giorgio  
 KADEx-Soc.Importazione a.r.l.  
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 Via Dante 7  
 Nabresina  
 V.Sonnino 58  
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 Via Carducci 6  
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 Via Roma 30  
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 Via S.Lazzaro 8  
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 Via Ghega 3  
 Via Machiavelli 17  
 Via T.Vecellio 9  
 Via Valdirivo 11  
 Via C.de Ritmeyer 7  
 Guardiella Sc. 278  
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 Largo Piettari 1  
 Sesana Corso 186  
  
 V.Torrebianca 19  
 Duttogliano Crepegliano 5  
 Via Valdirivo 22  
 Via Gatteri 47  
 P.Franco Vecchio  
 Via Buonarroti 36  
 Via Pascoli 10  
 Via Manzoni 2  
 V.XX Settembre 33  
 V.Sonnino 42  
 Via Machiavelli 22  
 Via Rismondo 1  
 Via Ghega 3  
 Via F.Filzi 4  
 Aurisina V.Stazione 62  
 Via Mazzini 30  
 Via Battisti 18  
 C.Garibaldi 21  
 Via Pascoli 9  
 Via R. Manna 21  
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 Via Commerciale 5  
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Via della Zonta 2  
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Via Trento 16  
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